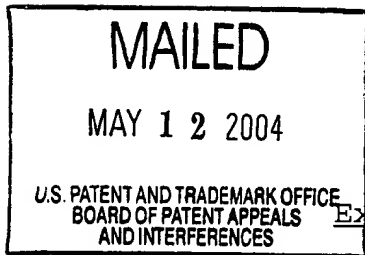


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Ex parte HONG H. JIANG, ALLEN H. SIMON
and VAL G. COOK

Appeal No. 2004-0872
Application No. 09/470,741

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

Appellants have filed the following Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs), which have been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:

- IDS filed April 16, 2004 (Paper No. 29)
- IDS filed on March 29, 2004 (Paper No. 30)

Both IDSs need to be considered by the primary examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the primary examiner's decision is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for consideration of the IDSs filed April 16, 2004 (Paper No. 29) and March 29, 2004 (Paper No. 30), notification to appellants in writing of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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